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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – FEBRUARY 2019 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in February 2018.

Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, up 2 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,352 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.1 million pounds, 6 percent above February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,500 head, up 18 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 219 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, up 5 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was down 5 percent from February 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 169,300 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 11 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2019 commercial red meat production was 8.9 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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